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TAGS: MASS, NI, US

SUBJECT: ROCKWELL MILITARY JET TRAINING PROJECT

REF: STATE 299409, LAGOS 12144

1. SITUATION IN LAGOS REMAINS AS REPORTED LAGOS REFTEL.

A. VON GLAHN LEFT NOVEMBER 27 FOR PARIS.

B. AMBASSADOR MET TWICE WITH ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL
EXECUTIVES IN OCTOBER BUT SITUATION HAD NOT DEVELOPED VERY
FAR AT THAT TIME, AND DISCUSSION WAS ONLY OF GENERAL NATURE.

C. REUTERS' STORY HAS NOT APPEARED IN NIGERIAN PRESS YET.
EMBASSY PLANS TO SAY, IF ASKED, THAT WE ARE AWARE ROCKWELL
HAS BEEN CONDUCTING DISCUSSIONS WITH FMG BUT WE CAN NOT
SPEAK TO DETAILS OF THESE AND ARE NOT INFORMED THAT ANY
SPECIFIC AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.

D. NO LETTER FROM FMG HAS BEEN RECIEVED, REQUESTING
USG APPROVAL OF FMS F-2 SALE. AIRA DID SPEAK WITH ROCKWELL
BY TELEPHONE LAST WEEK AND OPINED THA FMG LETTER MIGHT BE
FORTHCOMING BETWEEN JANUARY 10 AND 30. THIS WAS BASED ON
GENERAL IMPRESSIONS HE HAS DERIVED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH
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2. ROCKWELL ESTIMATE THAT 500 U.S. TECHNICIANS MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT IS GREATLY IN EXCESS OF VON GLAHN ESTIMATE CITED LAGOS REFTEL AND WOULD DOUBTLESS PRESENT SUBSTANTIAL CONSULAR AND OTHER PROBLEMS. EMBASSY WOULD OF COURSE BE PREPARED NEGOTIATE CONDITIONS AND PRIVILEGES OF ROCKWELL PERSONNEL IN NIGERIA, BUT ROCKWELL SHOULD NOT EXPECT MUCH IN THE WAY OF SPECIAL FMG DISPENSATION IN THIS CONNECTION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON THIS ASPECT OF THE MATTER, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION ABOUT CONDITIONS AND PRIVILEGES THAT HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED FOR U.S. PERSONNEL UNDER FMS CONTRACT IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
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